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The IDS submitted 31 March 2010 has been considered. Although the foreign search report indicated that there were X and Y references applicable to the claims, these references were only applied to the original claims, not the amended claims in the present application. WO 00/51720 appears to be the closest apparatus to the instant invention, but the apparatus in this reference is not equipped to perform pressurized thin layer electrochromatography. Rather, the reference provides a temperature controlled chemical reaction chamber. The Flodberg reference appears to describe a similar method, however, the reference does not teach a die block passing through a frame member to apply pressure to the sample plate. Further, the reference does not teach electrochromatography. The reference is concerned with thin layer liquid chromatography only, where pressure is applied to the plate with a water cushion. Thus, the application is still deemed to be allowable over the prior art.

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